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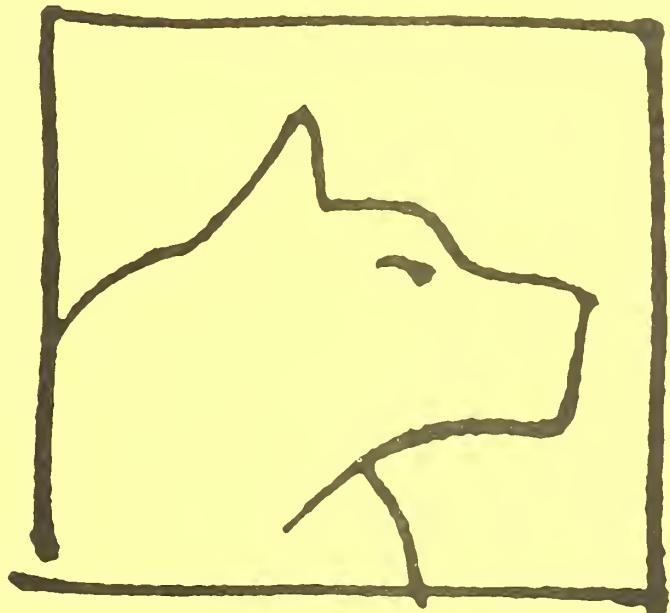
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ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION: BILLS SUBMITTED TO THE
101ST CONGRESS
JANUARY 1990 - JUNE 1990

1. April 24, 1990; **H.R. 4604.**

To end the use of steel jaw leghold traps on animals in the United States.

It is unlawful to import, export, ship, or receive any article of fur of an animal caught in a steel jaw leghold trap. It is unlawful to transport by any means in interstate or foreign commerce, or purchase, sell, acquire or receive any steel jaw leghold trap.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Energy and Commerce.

SPONSOR: Scheuer.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: S. 2239 March 1982.

2. April 19, 1990; **H.R. 4563.**

To amend the African Elephant Conservation Act to prohibit importation of fish and wildlife from the People's Republic of China if that country does not withdraw their reservation regarding listing the African elephant as an endangered species under Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

This Act may be cited as the "African Elephant Preservation Act of 1990". If the People's Republic of China does not withdraw its reservation under CITES regarding transferring the African elephant to Appendix I which dictates strict regulation of trade in that species so as not to further endanger their survival, then the President of the United States shall direct the Secretary of the Treasury to prohibit importation of fish and wildlife products from the People's Republic of China.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Referred jointly to Merchant Marine and Fisheries and Ways and Means.

SPONSOR: Fields.

STATUS: No action.

3. April 18, 1990; **H.R. 3048.**

To designate the Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, animal research building in Clay Center, Nebraska, as the "Virginia D. Smith Animal Health Research Laboratory".

The Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, animal health research building located at the Roman L. Hruska United States Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska, is designated as the "Virginia D. Smith Animal Health Research Laboratory". Any reference to this facility should be considered a reference to the "Virginia D. Smith Animal Health Research Laboratory".

SPONSOR: Roberts.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Environment and Public Works.

STATUS: Passed the House of Representatives May 1, 1990.

4. April 4, 1990; **H.R. 4473.**

To make persons who are nationals of countries that are members of the European Community ineligible to certify products produced outside the United States for compliance with standards and requirements established by the Food and Drug Administration for medical devices, electronic products, infant formula, animal feeds and drugs, drugs intended for human use, food, and color additives until the Secretary of Commerce certifies that the European Community is setting product standards and requirements in an open and fair manner and has established equitable rules for testing and certifying products for compliance with product standards and requirements.

Until the Secretary of Commerce determines that European Community countries are in compliance with FDA requirements and standards, nationals from those countries may not certify any product, including animal feeds or drugs, produced outside the United States.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Energy and Commerce.

SPONSOR: Gejdenson.

STATUS: No action.

5. March 30, 1990; S. 2372.
To extend and revise agricultural price support and related programs, to provide for resource conservation and agricultural research, and to provide consumers a reliable supply of food and fiber at reasonable prices, and for other purposes.

This Act may be cited as the "Agricultural Recovery Act of 1990". Section 1302 amends the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act by declaring the eradication of brucellosis a national emergency. Further, the use of Commodity Credit Corporation funds are designated for use in eradicating this disease from the continental United States.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
SPONSOR: Burns.
STATUS: No action.

6. March 30, 1990; S. 2386.
To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to improve agricultural research and related programs, and for other purposes.

This Act may be cited as the "National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1990". Section 801 is entitled "The Pet Theft Act of 1990". This section amends the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) by adding a section on protection of pets. A dealer may not obtain any live random source dog or cat from a source other than a City, County or State pound, a private entity under contract with a State, City or County that operates a pound or shelter, a registered research facility, an individual who has bred and raised the animals on his or her own premises, or another Class B licensee. Any animal sold by a dealer must have valid certification.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
SPONSOR: Daschle.
STATUS: No action.
RELATED BILLS: S. 1457 June 1987,
H.R. 4871 May 1986.

7. March 27, 1990; **S. 2346.**

To prohibit certain practices in the raising of calves, and for other purposes.

This Act may be cited as the "Veal Calf Protection Act of 1990". This bill is similar to H.R. 84 except the pen size requirements (the length of the calf plus six inches) have been omitted. Housing requirements in this bill require that the calf be able to turn around, lie with its legs outstretched, and groom itself. Dietary requirements include sufficient iron and digestible fibre. Calves may not be chained or tethered. Enforcement now falls under subsections (b) and (d) of section 19 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.). The term calf is now defined as the offspring of a cow under six months of age raised specifically to be slaughtered for veal.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SPONSOR: Reid.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: H.R. 84 January 1989,

H.R. 2859 July 1987.

8. March 14, 1990; **H.Con. Res. 287.**

Calling for a United States policy of promoting the continuation, for a minimum of an additional 10 years, of the International Whaling Commission's moratorium on the commercial killing of whales, and otherwise expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to conserving and protecting the world's whale populations.

In order to promote the maximum protection and conservation of the world's whale populations the United States Congress is calling for the continuation of the International Whaling Commission's moratorium on the commercial killing of whales for a minimum of an additional 10 years.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Foreign Affairs.

SPONSOR: Yatron.

STATUS: Agreed upon in House June 13, 1990.

9. March 9, 1990; S. 2292.

To extend and revise agricultural price support and related programs, to provide for agricultural export, resource conservation, farm credit, and agricultural research and related programs, to continue food assistance to low-income persons, to ensure consumers an abundance of food and fiber at reasonable prices, and for other purposes.

This Act may be cited as the "Food Security Act of 1990". Title 17 Subtitle B discusses Animal Health Protection. Livestock animals which carry communicable diseases and have been imported to the United States may be destroyed. Restrictions on importation of livestock may be imposed if the animals are unfit for transport, carry communicable diseases or if the vessel does not allow for the safe and proper transport or humane treatment of the livestock. Unloaded animals must be fed, watered and rested. Animals may not be transported in excess of 28 consecutive hours without being unloaded. Animals must then be unloaded for a period of at least five consecutive hours during which they should be fed, watered, and rested in an appropriate enclosure.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SPONSOR: Lugar.

STATUS: No action.

10. February 26, 1990; S. 2169.

To amend title 35, United States Code, to impose a five-year moratorium on the granting of patents on genetically altered or modified animals in order to establish a Federal regulatory and review process to deal with the economic, environmental, and ethical issues raised by the patenting of such animals.

Congress finds that the issue of patenting genetically engineered animals raises profound ethical, environmental and economic issues which have not been adequately addressed by Congress. It is recommended that no genetically engineered animal be patented over a five-year period. Restrictions shall not apply if and when a Federal regulatory review has imposed environmental, health and safety, and ethical standards on the patenting and commercialization of an animal.

SENATE COMMITTEE: Judiciary.

SPONSOR: Hatfield.

STATUS: No action.

RELATED BILLS: H.R. 1557 March 1989,
H.R. 1556 March 1989.

11. February 7, 1990; **H.R. 3984.**

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for State disapproval of issuance of permits for the taking of marine mammals in State waters.

This Act may be cited as the **"Marine Mammal Public Display Reform Act of 1990"**. Permits for the taking of marine mammals for public display may be denied if the Governor of the State submits a notice of State disapproval.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

SPONSOR: Goss.

STATUS: No action.

12. February 5, 1990; **H.R. 3950.**

Entitled, the "Food and Agricultural Resources Act of 1990".

This Act may be cited as the **"Food and Agricultural Resources Act of 1990"**. Title VIII Sections 1301 through 1306 amends several Acts by striking "1990" and inserting "1995". Appropriations for several sections of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 are increased.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Agriculture.

SPONSOR: De La Garza.

STATUS: No action.

13. January 30, 1990; **S. 2044.**

To require tuna products to be labeled respecting the method used to catch the tuna, and for other purposes.

This Act may be cited as the **"Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act of 1990"**. Any tuna caught with drift gill nets of more than one and one-half miles in total length, purse seine nets set in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean, unless certified as "Dolphin Safe", or purse seine nets set on dolphin, or any methods which kill, harass or endanger dolphins, shall be labelled as follows: "THE TUNA IN THIS PRODUCT WAS CAUGHT WITH METHODS THAT KILL DOLPHINS".

SENATE COMMITTEE: Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SPONSOR: Biden.

STATUS: No action.

**PUBLIC LAWS RELATING TO ANIMAL WELFARE
101st CONGRESS
JANUARY 1990 - JUNE 1990**

1. February 26, 1990; S.J. Res. 236.

Designating May 6 through 12, 1990 as "Be Kind to Animals and National Pet Week".

Congress designates May 6 through 12, 1990 as "Be Kind to Animals and National Pet Week" to celebrate the firm commitment of the people of the United States to responsible pet ownership and humane education.

SPONSOR: Wilson.

STATUS: Became **Public Law 101-282** on May 8, 1990.

PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AS: H.J.Res. 458 January 1990.

2. February 26, 1990; S.J. Res. 229.

To designate April 1990 as "National Prevent-A-Litter Month".

In response to the pet overpopulation problem in the United States, congress designates April 1990 as "National Prevent-A-Litter Month".

SPONSOR: Cranston.

STATUS: Became **Public Law 101-261** on March 30, 1990.



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